

tion failed him as soon as he entered the ice in the latitude of 74 to 75; and he returned *unsuccessful*. — N. B. The ships in those days were not to be compared to those of the present age, for strength, and capability of encountering the ice.

Secondly, The voyage for the discovery of this passage, ought not to be attempted by men who have been accustomed to relaxation, and hot climates; but by hardy, *ice-proof* seamen, who have been brought up in the Greenland seas, amongst ice, whales, seals, and bears.

Thirdly, The ships intended for the voyage, ought to be sharp built, and strengthened in a very extraordinary manner; and ought to swim rather light in ballast, in order to bear the shocks of the ice, and that they might the easier be *uplifted* by it, in case of being hemmed in and squeezed between two pieces. And they should not be overmann'd, as was the case in a late Northern expedition.

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